CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion, a lower end portion, and having a center of gravity;

a central extension disposed between the upper end portion and the lower end portion, the central extension providing additional storage space;

an upper extension disposed along the upper end portion, the upper extension defining a proximal end; and

a handle disposed on the proximal end of the upper extension, the handle being positioned along the center of gravity of the portable tote.

2. The portable tote according to Claim 1 further comprising a water-resistant storage compartment disposed within the portable tote.

3. The portable tote according to Claim 2, wherein the water-resistant storage compartment extends between the upper end portion and the lower end portion.

4. The portable tote according to Claim 1 further comprising a storage holster for placement of a torch.

5. The portable tote according to Claim 1 further comprising a first cylinder storage receptacle and a second cylinder storage receptacle disposed at the lower end portion.

6. The portable tote according to Claim 5 further comprising a storage holster disposed between the first cylinder storage receptacle and the second cylinder storage receptacle for securing a torch.

7. The portable tote according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of the receptacles further comprises a cutout to accommodate the cutting and welding equipment.

8. The portable tote according to Claim 1 further comprising recesses formed along a rear portion of the portable tote, the recesses adapted for mounting of wheels.

9. The portable tote according to Claim 1 wherein the lower end portion further comprises distal extensions that provide stability when the portable tote is resting in a vertical position.

10. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion and a lower end portion; and

a central extension disposed between the upper end portion and the lower end portion,

wherein the central extension provides additional storage space.

11. The portable tote according to Claim 10 further comprising a handle disposed at the upper end portion of the body, the handle being positioned along a center of gravity of the portable tote.

12. The portable tote according to Claim 10 further comprising a water-resistant storage compartment disposed within the portable tote.

13. The portable tote according to Claim 10 further comprising a storage holster for placement of a torch.

14. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion and a lower end portion; and

a water-resistant storage compartment extending between the upper end portion and the lower end portion.

15. The portable tote according to Claim 14 further comprising a plurality of water-resistant storage compartments extending between the upper end portion and the lower end portion.

16. The portable tote according to Claim 14 wherein the water-resistant storage compartment further comprises a lid disposed over a proximal end of the water-resistant storage compartment.

17. The portable tote according to Claim 14 further comprising a removable container disposed within the water-resistant storage compartment.

18. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion and a lower end portion;

a first storage receptacle disposed at the lower end portion and configured to receive a cylinder;

a second storage receptacle disposed at the lower end portion and adjacent the first storage receptacle, the second storage receptacle configured to receive another cylinder; and

a storage holster disposed within the lower end portion and between the first storage receptacle and the second storage receptacle for securing a torch.

19. A portable tote adapted for carrying gas cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion and a lower end portion, and a center of gravity;

an upper extension disposed along the upper end portion, the upper extension defining a proximal end;

a handle disposed on the proximal end of the upper extension, the handle being positioned along the center of gravity of the portable tote;

an upper back wall extending between the upper end portion and the lower end portion, the upper back wall providing additional space for storage of hoses of the gas cutting and welding equipment and providing a resting surface when the portable tote is positioned horizontally during transportation;

a water-resistant storage compartment extending between the upper end portion and the lower end portion;

a first cylinder storage receptacle and a second cylinder storage receptacle disposed along the lower end portion; and

a storage holster disposed between the first cylinder storage receptacle and the second cylinder storage receptacle for securing a torch.

20. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a body defining an upper end portion and a lower end portion;

distal extensions disposed along the lower end portion,

wherein the distal extensions provide stability when the portable tote is resting in a vertical position.

21. A portable tote adapted for carrying cutting and welding equipment, the portable tote comprising:

a means for balancing the portable tote about a center of gravity during transport; and

a means for providing storage space for components of the gas cutting and welding equipment.